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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ROKG RELEASES EMERGENCY MEASURES PRISONER

REF: SEOUL 7908

1. ON DECEMBER 3, FORMER NDP NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN
CHANG CHOON-HA WAS RELEASED FROM YUNGDUNGPO PRISON
AFTER SERVING TEN MONTHS AND 20 DAYS OF 15 YEAR ORIGINAL
SENTENCE IMPOSED BY EMERGENCY MEASURES COURT-MARTIAL.

2. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT CHANG HAS RECANTED PRE-
SENTENCING POLITICAL OPINIONS OR WAS REQUIRED TO RECENT
TO OBTAIN RELEASE. IN FACT, ON DEC 3 ACCORDING TO PRESS,
HE NOTED THAT " EMERGENCY MEASURES ARE ONLY INVOKED IN
"BACKWARD COUNTRIES." EARLIER HOWEVER, CHANG'S WIFE HAD
FILED PETITION FOR HIS RELEASE ON MEDICAL GROUNDS.
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE STATED IT HAD GRANTED RELEASE IN
RESPONSE TO PETITION AND CHANG'S FAMILY INDICATED HE
WILL BE HOSPITALIZED AT ONCE.

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3. ACCORDING TO TONGA ILBO, CHANG WAS MET AT PRISON

GATE BY EHWA UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT KIM OK IL.
PRESS ALSO REPORTED CHANG WAS VISITED ON EVENING OF HIS
RELEASE AND FOLLOWING MORNING BY AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL'S
HAM SOK HON, DUP'S YONG IL DONN AND NDP PRESIDENT KIM
YONG SAM. PRESS IS SAYING CHANG IS ONLY MAN SO FAR TO
BE RELEASED IN ADVANCE OF HIS SENTENCE, AMONG THOSE
IMPRISONED UNDER PRESIDENTIAL EMERGENCY MEASURES.
(HE WAS ALSO ONE OF FIRST TWO ARRESTED UNDER THESE DECREES).
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